

Panama Canal Regulations

§ 61.171

Panama as soon as information is received that one of the preceding diseases is present or suspected of being present on a ship entering the Panama Canal.

[51 FR 21361, June 12, 1986, as amended at 62 FR 33748, June 23, 1997]

§ 61.155 Vessels; yellow fever.

(a) The following vessels shall be disinfected prior to their arrival in Panama Canal waters, and the master of the vessel shall certify to this effect on the maritime quarantine declaration presented to the Chief, Occupational Health Division upon arrival:

(1) An infected or suspected vessel as defined in § 61.226; or

(2) A vessel from an infected area; or,

(3) A vessel that has within 15 days left a port where the *Aedes aegypti* Index is reported as 1.0 or higher.

(b) The insecticide used and method or disinfecting shall be those prescribed by the Chief, Occupational Health Division.

(c) If the disinfecting required under paragraph (a) of this section is not carried out or if the Chief, Occupational Health Division finds live mosquitoes on board or otherwise determines that the vessel's own disinfecting was inadequate, the vessel shall be detained in quarantine at a mooring not less than 400 meters from shore until disinfected by communicable disease surveillance personnel, and persons other than such personnel shall not be allowed on board until disinfecting is completed.

(d) The Quarantine Office of the Government of Panama, upon request, will be provided complete information from the ship's required entry documents for specified vessel(s) which have either transited the Panama Canal or docked at a port of Panama.

(e) The disinfecting required under paragraph (a) of this section shall not be required when the index of *Aedes aegypti* in Panama exceeds the 1.0 index level established by the World Health Organization (WHO).

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§ 61.156 Vessels; disinfecting.

Vessels required to be disinfected under § 61.155 shall be disinfected as follows:

(a) The insecticide used shall be an aerosol of a type approved by the Chief, Occupational Health Division;

(b) The insecticide shall be dispensed in the amount to be determined by the Chief, Occupational Health Division and released or sprayed throughout all accessible compartments;

(c) The ventilating system shall be stopped and all openings to the exterior kept closed while the insecticide is being released or sprayed for a period of at least 15 minutes thereafter.

VESSELS SUBJECT TO COMMUNICABLE
DISEASE SURVEILLANCE INSPECTION

§ 61.171 General provisions.

(a) A vessel arriving in Panama Canal waters shall undergo communicable disease surveillance inspection prior to entry unless:

(1) In the current voyage the vessel has not touched at any port other than a port determined by WHO, the quarantine officer of the Government of Panama or the Centers for Disease Control of the United States Public Health Service to be in an area that is exempt from communicable disease surveillance; or

(2) In the current voyage the vessel has received pratique at a port of Panama or a port of the United States, and since receiving such pratique has met the requirements of paragraph (a)(1) of this section; or

(3) Pratique has been granted by a Chief, Occupational Health Division prior to the arrival of the vessel at the Panama Canal.

(b) A vessel otherwise exempt from inspection under the provision of paragraph (a)(1), (2), or (3) of this section shall undergo communicable disease inspection prior to entering the Panama Canal if the vessel—

(1) Has on board, or during the current voyage has had on board, a person infected or suspected of being infected with any serious human or animal disease manifested by fever, diarrhea, skin rashes or other suspicious symptoms;